

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

A position locating instrument for accurately determining the location of a cutting plane includes a base connected to means capable of determining the position of the instrument. The base includes bent ~~Bent~~ blades 28 A to 28 D that are flexible enough not to prevent the insertion of plate 24 into opening 36 of a bone cutting guide. Bent blades 28 A to 28 D are however rigid enough to maintain ~~upper~~ lower surface 25 of plate 24 pressed against lower surface 38 of opening 36, with the free ends of bent blades 28 A to 28 D bearing against upper surface 39 of the opening 36. Bent blades 28 A to 28 D have a sufficient stiffness to provide a sufficient force to oppose ~~opposing to a~~ displacement of plate 24 that is inserted in opening 36 by pushing ~~tending to push away~~ lower surface 25 of plate 24 ~~from~~ onto lower surface 38 of opening 36. Play between plate 24 and opening 36 are ~~then~~ suppressed. By determining the position of plate 24, the position of the cutting plane is thus directly and accurately obtained.